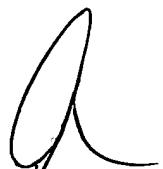


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application has been filed with formal drawings identical with those formal drawings filed in the allowed parent application Serial No. 09/099,684.

The specification has been amended in this Preliminary Amendment. The specification amendments are identical with the amendments made during the prosecution of the prior application 09/099,684. The amendments include minor typographical corrections. The words "of the" have been added in line 33 on page 15 because they were obviously inadvertently, initially omitted from an ancestor patent application as filed and because they are required for grammatical correctness. Similarly, the word "receptacle" has been added in line 30 on page 19 because it had been obviously inadvertently, initially omitted during preparation of the an ancestor application. The figure numbers are changed on pages 17 and 18 to refer to the correct figures as is obvious from comparing the text and the figures.

These specification amendments do not constitute new matter because the specification amendments merely correct obvious typographical errors or language errors and because the amendments are clearly supported by other portions of the specification and by the drawings as originally filed in the prior parent application and this application.



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THE CLAIM AMENDMENTS

New method claims 27-30 have been added by this Preliminary Amendment.

Claims 27-30 are similar to claims 1-4, respectively, as originally filed in the ancestor patent application Serial No. 08/311,041 and which had been subsequently canceled from that ancestor patent application.

Claims 1-26 have been canceled by this Preliminary Amendment.

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Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

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